



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KAWASE, Kinya, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1793

Serial No.: **10/541,308**

Examiner: **ZHU, Weiping**

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**FOR: IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY, IRON-BASED SINTERED ALLOY MEMBER,
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND OIL PUMP ROTOR**

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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April 29, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2009, the period for response extended to **May 3, 2009**, by a Petition for Extension of Time for a second month and a third month, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.